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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Delays and Difficulties of Coordination, CIA and the IAC Agencies

- 1. Supplementing the ICAPS memorandum of September 27th and addendum of September 29th and my suggestions of October 10th, there is attached a proposed "Memorandum to the MSC" propared largely by the General Counsel. I have added and deleted a few paragraphs and this version has NOT been "coordinated" with them. As I understand, you do not now need a fully coordinated "position" on this matter.
- 2. We have all read the more detailed and lengthy ORE and GSI memoranda on this subject.
- 3. Some of us think that you should present to the MSC an adequately detailed exposed of the situation as we have found it and a proposal for a new and stronger MSCID No. 1. Others favor a brief statement on the delays and difficulties of coordinating by mutual agreement and a request for support from the MSC on a proposed new and firmer method of action under existing directives, instead of a new MSCID No. 1 at this time. Others think that firmer action should be taken by CIA to utilize to the fullest all authority imparted by existing directives, prior to taking any steps to obtain more authority. The first step in assuming a firmer CIA attitude is to abandon the principle of unanimity in dealing with the IAC.

h. As you know, a new and stronger edition of MSCID No. 1 has been drafted by ORM. The General Counsel and COAPS are revising it and hope this edition will be ready for you before long. Additional suggestions may also reach you before next week!! as this is a complicated problem and a "hot potato."

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cc: General Counsel